UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO BEFORE HONORABLE DANIEL R. DOMINGUEZ

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

CIVIL NO. 97-2925 (DRD)

LAW CLERK: Karen A. Rivera-Turner

LAUSELL ARCHILLA Attorneys: Andrés Guillermard

Plaintiff

v.

HUERTAS NIEVES et al

Defendant

José A. González Villamil for Dr. Huertas; José L. González Castañer for SIMED; Marta Feliciano Montilla for American International Insurance Co.; José Héctor Vivas for Dr. Carlos Muñoz Meléndez; Francisco E. Colón Ramírez for Reliance Insurance Co.; Sigrid López

DATE: December 20,1999

González for Dr. Carlos Muñoz Meléndez

SETTLEMENT/STATUS CONFERENCE was held today. The parties informed that no settlement has been reached.

Plaintiff informed the Court that he will file a motion for voluntary dismissal against Defendant American International Insurance Co. Accordingly, the Court excused counsel Marta Feliciano Montilla.

Plaintiff also informed the Court on the status of discovery. An issue arouse as to Defendant SIMED's expert witness report. The parties discussed their positions and reached an agreement on the order of the preliminary reports and depositions. Pursuant to the parties' agreement, all experts will provide preliminary reports prior to the parties beginning depositions except that Dr. Huertas' deposition will be taken by Plaintiff before Defendant SIMED's expert renders his preliminary report. Plaintiff has fifteen (15) days after Dr. Huertas' deposition to serve the deposition's transcripts. Thereafter, all parties will have twenty (20) days to notify their expert witnesses'

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preliminary reports. Any expert witness's report not notified within this time period will result in said expert witness's exclusion, except that all parties are granted forty (40) days from notification of Dr. Huertas's transcripts to serve reports for any extra expert witnesses that become necessary as a result of Dr. Huertas's deposition.

All prior timetables are hereby vacated.

Dr. Huertas's deposition will be taken on January 26, 2000. All other experts will be deposed on the following agreed upon dates:

April 12 to 14, 2000 April 25 to 26, 2000 April 27, 2000 in the afternoon April 28, 2000 May 1 to 4, 2000

Plaintiff is granted thirty (30) days to file an amended complaint.

Cut-off for all dispositive motions is **May 26, 2000.** All parties are reminded to follow the procedure for filing dispositive motions set forth in the Court's Standing Order.

Pre trial is scheduled for **August 1, 2000, at 5:00 p.m.** The parties are to expect trial to be scheduled late in August or early in September 2000.

s/c: Counsel of record

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